CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	164779_106080666132727_100001923827524_50180_5579407_n (2).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400086.010
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	08 May 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	07 May 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image is a colour photograph of two topless young teenage girls in the process of undressing. The situation invites a sexual gaze as they stand alone in a woodland location and they appear uncomfortable with what they are doing. The publication encourages the viewer to see young persons as sexually willing and available and legitimises a sexual interest in them.

This classification interferes with the freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable.